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Bill Cosby: Trayvon Martin case is about guns, not race

Actor and comedian Bill Cosby said the national debate over the shooting of Trayvon Martin should focus on guns, not race.

The death of the 17-year-old African-American teen on Feb. 26 by neighborhood watch captain George Zimmerman in suburban Orlando, Fla. has ignited a debate about race, self-defense and Florida's "stand your ground" law.

In an interview on CNN's "State of the Union" Cosby said "when a person has a gun sometimes their mind clicks that this thing will win arguments and straighten people out and in the wrong hands and wrong mind, it's death, it's wounding people."

He said he wasn't opposed to people having guns in their



own homes, but not on the streets.

Cosby added "when you tell me you're going to protect the neighborhood that I live in, I don't want you to have a gun. I want you to be able to see something, report it and get out of the way. Because you are part of the neighborhood I don't want you to get hurt and I don't want you to hurt anyone."

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Island women receive free breast examinations in the continuing cancer education program



Doctors and WCA members

The Women's Club of Aruba continued their cancer awareness and education program which had begun with a full evening of presentation on Thursday, April 12, with a day of free "hands-on" training by a team of 8 island doctors and visiting specialist Dr. Eleanor Walker, Director of Breast Radiation Oncology at the Henry Ford Health System of Detroit.

On Saturday, April 14, WCA members welcomed over 125 women from the San Nicolas area to the IMSAN medical center from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Volunteers from various cancer support groups, including the Mary Joan Breast Cancer Foundation and the Wilhelmina Cancer Fund had booths with pamphlets in several languages and were available to answer queries.

Dr. Walker had also brought a suitcase filled with support materials, not only about breast cancer, the most

prominent form of the disease in women, but also enlightening booklets on prostate cancer, which is the most dominant form in men.

Participating local doctors were Joel Rajnharc, Melissa Wever, Yvette Thuis, Amaranthia Cirks, Brigitte Every, Sharline Vis, Roseanne Anthony, and Harald Narain, whose wife, Ruby, was organizer of the project. "Our pur-

pose here is not only to offer a free, one-time breast exam, but to also be sure that women go home with the proper knowledge of how to conduct self-examinations, which should done monthly," she commented. "Breast cancer, with early detection, has one of the most favorable survival rates; up to 90% with early detection."

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Aruba signs historic cooperation agreement with Holland

ORANJESTAD -- Reportedly, the agreement that the Aruba Eman government signed last year with Holland brings many benefits with it. This was the emphasis that the Prime Minister placed on the duly called meeting of Parliament last Thursday. The agreement, according to the government, entails, among others, that territorial integrity of Aruba will be safeguarded by means of this agreement with Holland. Should any country attempt to meddle with Aruba, the island will have the assistance and protection of all the member countries of NATO.

Every Aruban citizen with a Dutch passport, has free access to over 20 member countries in the European Union. This is a right and privilege that many citizens of the world would wish to have.

In addition, the Prime Minister emphasized that every citizen and instance on Aruba



has access to the highest Court of Appeal. As an example, Aruba has many hotels with vested millions, and investors who because of the relationship between Aruba and Holland can enjoy legal protection and has the assurance that nothing can affect their investment because they have a legal system to which they can turn. They also have the guarantee of a High Court of Appeal and that they can even make appeal to the High

est Judicial system in the Hague.

According to Aruba's Prime Minister, the signing of this agreement affords Aruba more opportunities to grow. Aruba can, for example, benefit from the purchase of school material. Purchasing together with Holland will reduce the cost considerably because Holland, being such a big country compared to Aruba, will purchase great quantities which reduces the overall cost of books and other school material for Aruba.

Aruba can also join with Bonaire in the purchase of medical services, for example, from Colombia, which will benefit Aruba greatly by reducing the overall cost. Hence, contrary to losing our autonomy, this agreement will be strengthening the island in numerous ways, according to the government of Aruba.

UNESCO Member States to meet in Aruba this week

ORANJESTAD -- This week, April 18 to 20, the bi-annual meeting of UNESCO's member states which forms the so-called Latin Caribbean Cluster will be meeting here on Aruba.

The Latin Caribbean Cluster consists of the Dominican Republic, Cuba, Haiti and Aruba.

During past meetings held in the Dominican Republic and in Havana Cuba, the General

Secretaries of the National Commissions expressed the desire to hold the 2012 meeting in Aruba.

For that reason and complying with the wishes of the Minister in charge of the relationship with UNESCO in Aruba, Michelle Winklaar-Hooyboer, it was accorded that this 2012 meeting of the Latin Caribbean Cluster would be held here this week.

Important matters on the agenda will be an evaluation of the results obtained during the biennium 2010-2011 (document 35 C/6), which stipulated the 2012-2013 program, and to prepare the work platform for UNESCO for 2014-2015 (document 37 C/5).

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Island women receive free breast examinations . . .

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The practice is of particular importance on Aruba, which statistically has a remarkably higher incidence rate than even the U.S. with a ratio of 178 out of 100,000 annually.

The program will continue this coming Saturday, April 21, at the Dr. Horacio E. Oduber Hospital, from 10:00

AM until 2:00 PM. All women are encouraged to come and learn about the disturbing frequency of breast cancer occurrence along with the best way to detect, treat and prevent recurrence.

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Participants for the meeting will begin arriving on Aruba as of the 17th of April. While here they will visit, among others, our Archeological Museum, Parke Nacional Arikok and the National Archives. The visitors will also visit our Caribbean Festival and the Crusa Lama, the literary festival at the Arubiana section of our National Library.

Opening ceremonies will be officiated by the Minister of Justice and Education, Mr. Arthur Dowers.

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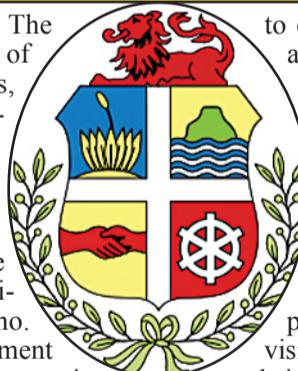
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to charge less. The adaptation of the maximum prices for these products is established every two weeks and is published in all local newspapers. These prices are also visible on DEZHI's website: www.arubaeconomicaffairs.aw under their "news" section.

Prices for these products must be indicated in Aruban Florins and be clearly marked. The price equivalent in other currency may be added, provided these are also clearly marked.

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DAECI will be controlling compliance of these published laws.



Americas leaders end summit, no accord on Cuba

CARTAGENA, Colombia (AFP) - Leaders from across the Americas ended a two-day summit here yesterday with no final statement, failing to agree on Cuba's inclusion at future summits in the face of US and Canadian opposition.

The vast majority of the region's democratically elected leaders attending the talks in the coastal Colombian city of Cartagena said they wanted Cuba -- the Americas' only one-party Communist state -- included in future meetings.

But US President Barack Obama, backed by Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper, objected and the summit ended without the release of a final statement, as happened at the previous summit in Trinidad in 2009.

Cuba has never taken part in a Summit of the Americas, a regular meeting sponsored by the US-based Organization of American States (OAS).

Washington objected to its presence, arguing that the communist regime in Havana lacks democratic credentials and does not respect the human rights of its people.

The leaders also did not

agree on a call by Guatemala to consider decriminalizing drug use in view of the failure of the war on narcotrafficking, which is creating havoc across the region, particularly in central America.

The two issues dominated the proceedings although Obama said before arriving here that his goal was to open markets for US goods.

Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos, the summit host, sought to put a brave face on the apparent setback, expressing "satisfaction with the results" and with the "direct and frank exchanges."

He said the summit reinforced "the integration and the convergence of the various interests of the region."

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, who is suffering from cancer, did not attend the summit and instead flew to Cuba for further radiation therapy.

Ecuadorian President Rafael Correa also boycotted the summit because of the exclusion of Cuba, one of its allies and the Americas' only one-party Communist state. Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega also was a no-show.

Kenneth and Christie Hovis honored as Distinguished Visitors of Aruba



Recently the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring a very nice

couple who are loyal visitors of Aruba as Distinguished Visitors of Aruba. The honorees

are Mr. Kenneth and Mrs. Christie Hovis from Smithsburg Maryland USA. Kenneth and Christie are loyal guests at the Divi Aruba all inclusive. This symbolic honorary title is presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for 10 to 19 consecutive years.

The Hovis love the island very much because of the friendly people, the nice warm climate, stunning beaches and diverse restaurants. They also like to visit the different interesting sites of Aruba.

The certificate was presented by Mr. Ernest Giel representing the Aruba Tourism Authority together with staff members of the Divi Aruba all inclusive, who also presented Mr. and Mrs. Hovis with gifts and champagne

Youth Minister of Environment Aditya Gupta presents Earth Hour T-shirts for Awareness



Aditya handing over t-shirt to Minister Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar



Handing over t-shirt to ATIA Chairman Ronnie van Trigt



Handing over t-shirt to ISA principals Sarah-Putnam and Francesca Mullazi

March 31st was celebrated as Earth Hour around the world and Aruba not only participated in this event but has also been acknowledged as an official member of Earth Hour Community by WWF and the Earth Hour International Group.

Aditya Gupta as Youth

Minister of Environment and a proud member of Earth Hour Aruba presented official T-shirts to Minister Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar and thanked her for her excellent support for the first ever activity in Aruba in March 2011 and requested her continued support to this wonderful cause.

The movement has grown many-fold since then. Whereas official activity is held at Fort Zoutman, all hotels in Aruba and many businesses and homes have participated actively in such activity which has brought a lot of awareness and made a huge impact worldwide.

Aditya also presented Earth Hour T-shirts to Mr. Ronnie Van Trigt, Chairman of ATIA who wholeheartedly supported the cause on behalf of the business community of Aruba. Further Aditya also presented T-shirts to his school Headmasters Ms. Sarah Putnam and Ms. Francesca Mulazzi who were pleased to see that Aruba is already participating in such a worldwide movement. They also took opportunity to bring it out to entire school community and parents at the International Day celebrated at the School.

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Workshop with NY performance artist Lawrence Graham Brown begins today at Ateliers '89



Lawrence Graham Brown

Elvis Lopez, Director of the Ateliers '89 Center for the Arts was proud to introduce innovative New York based perform-

ance artist Lawrence Graham Brown to island media on his arrival last Friday, April 13. Brown will be conducting a one-month workshop which will culminate in the class presenting their project to the public on Friday, May 11.

Brown began his journey as a performance artist on his native island of Jamaica, admitting that his cultural roots still inspire much of his work, including the collages and drawings in his portfolio, which can be seen on his website: <http://lawrencegrahambrown.com>. Though originally from the region, this is his first venture at mentoring performance art in the Caribbean, though he

has done quite a few workshops in the U.S.

Performance art is quite visceral, addressing all the senses, and Brown hopes to stimulate creativity in students of all ages, particularly artists who wish to explore new boundaries. "It is about getting exposed to various forms of art," he muses, "to be touched in some way, and expand the artistic horizons. Some may go to school learning to become a painter, actor, photographer, whatever, but then find they want to be a dancer, or some other field- performance art lets you explore and combine so many different techniques into your creation. The purpose to my works is to touch the observer, to hopefully plant

a seed, an idea that will grow. I hope to do the same with this class-encourage the creation of art without fear of failure."

Many factors come into the final production, with performance artists required to learn lighting, set design and costume, and the course will focus on using the body and voice, instruments, and any other medium in the creation of the work. Though everything is video recorded, the very nature of performance art makes it quite ephemeral, as watching a video on a small screen cannot quite ever replicate the experience of being immersed in the live performance.

The second week of the workshop will be dedicated to the creation of a submission

and presentation to the international performance art festival "Low Lives Festival 4," which is networked and transmitted via the internet and projected in real time at multiple venues throughout the U.S. and around the world.

Students will be encouraged to work in teams. Classes will be conducted 4 nights a week, Monday through Thursday, beginning this evening at 6:30 PM until 9:30 PM. Age requirements are 14 years and older. For more information visit www.ateliers89.com or contact Elvis at: elvis@ateliers89.com. Ateliers '89 is located at Dominicanessenstreet 34 across Maria College in Oranjestad.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

US, Colombia announce regional security plan

CARTAGENA, Colombia (AFP) - US President Barack Obama and his Colombian counterpart Juan Manuel Santos agreed yesterday to deepen their security cooperation in the Western Hemisphere and West Africa.

The efforts, formalized under a US-Colombia Action Plan on Regional Security Cooperation, are a response to "increasing insecurity generated by transnational organized crime," the US State Department said in a statement.

It said the plan draws on "Colombia's established and expanding expertise and capacity for countering this threat and shared US responsibility to address the demand for illicit narcotics."

Through increased cooperation, "coordinated Colombian and US law enforcement and defense support can more effectively counter the threats of transnational organized crime and strengthen partner institutions," the statement added.

Colombia and the United States will conduct a series of "frequent" meetings to coordinate their security operations under the plan, with a focus on drug trafficking, combating crime, strengthening institutions and fostering "resilient" communities.

The expanded coordination, which involves bolstering civilian law enforcement capacity and capabilities, "will support whole-of-government strategies and produce a greater effect throughout the hemisphere and West Africa," the State Department said.

"Both countries are working to identify new areas for collaboration and committed to coordinate more closely with partner nations throughout the hemisphere."

The United States and Colombia already operate jointly to help build capacities in the Americas and West Africa.

Under Operation Martillo, a US task force coordinates air and maritime operations with the Colombian Navy and Air Force to detect and disrupt transnational organized crime cells in Central America.

The Colombian National Police also provides training and assistance in Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Panama, while the United States trains prosecutors in those countries.

On Friday Santos signed a law approving a free-trade agreement with the United States that brought to fruition a 20-year effort to boost bilateral ties, after Obama signed off on the pact in October fol-

lowing a long-running debate on reforms, labor rights and security in the South American country.

The US-Colombian free trade agreement will come into force next month, a US official said yesterday, after years of Washington pressing for reform in the South American country.

Implementation of the pact will reduce duties on US exports entering Colombia, as well as help create half a million jobs in five years in Colombia, increase the country's output by one percent and lift 1.2 million Colombians out of poverty, according to government estimates.

"The government of United States and Colombia have completed our technical work and Colombia has passed those laws and regulations necessary in order for the free trade agreement to enter into force on May 15, 2012," US Trade Representative Ron Kirk told reporters on a conference call.

Secret Service sex scandal could widen, says lawmaker

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A US lawmaker warned yesterday that more agents could be involved in a Secret Service sex scandal during President Barack Obama's Colombia trip and said the agency may need an overhaul.

"The question is, is the whole organization in need of some soul searching, some changes?" asked Representative Darrell Issa, chairman of the House Oversight Committee."

The US Secret Service placed 11 personnel on administrative leave as it investigates claims the men brought prostitutes to their hotel rooms in Cartagena, Colombia late Wednesday and had a dispute over payment with one of the women the next morning.

The scandal, which has overshadowed the Summit of the Americas gathering of regional leaders, also involves five US military personnel staying at the same hotel who have now been taken off duty and confined to their barracks amid a separate investigation.

Issa said he doubted the scandal was a one-off breach for the agency.

"We think the number of

personnel involved might be higher and we're asking for the exact amount of all the people who were involved," Issa said. "Things like this don't happen once, if they didn't happen before."

The California lawmaker said that besides the immoral conduct, there was concern that such a situation could make the agents vulnerable to blackmail, a concern for national security.

"We've got to ask, where are the systems in place to prevent this in the future?" he asked, adding that lawmakers had not yet determined whether hearings would be held on the scandal.

None of the Secret Service personnel involved -- both agents and uniformed officers -- was assigned to Obama's personal security detail. The group was taken to the service's Washington headquarters for interviews on Saturday after being sent home as part of the agency's internal affairs division probe.

White House spokesman Jay Carney has said Obama had full confidence in the Secret Service and that the incident had no impact on the president's security.



Leaders of the Americas pose for the 2012 Summit of the Americas official photo on April 15, 2012 at the Julio Cesar Turbay Ayala Convention Center in Cartagena, Colombia. (AFP PHOTO)



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Syria clashes warm up ahead of UN team arrival

DAMASCUS (AFP) - Syrian forces reportedly killed five civilians in shelling of rebel areas and clashes with gunmen yesterday, testing a shaky UN-backed ceasefire while international monitors were to fly in.

UN chief Ban Ki-moon said he was "very much concerned" at the renewed killings and urged the Damascus government to ensure that the ceasefire does not collapse.

Forces loyal to President Bashar al-Assad subjected the Khaldiyeh and Bayada neighbourhoods of the flashpoint central city of Homs to their fiercest bombardment since the truce came into force at dawn on Thursday, monitors said.

Thirty-two people have

been killed since the ceasefire brokered by UN-Arab League peace envoy Kofi Annan took effect, most of them civilians, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said.

The death toll is sharply down on pre-ceasefire levels after Syria announced it was halting military operations against the rebels on Thursday.

But regime forces have so far ignored another key element of Annan's peace plan -- an undertaking to withdraw tanks from towns and cities, the Observatory said.

The Syria authorities yesterday charged that rebels had "intensified" attacks on security forces and civilians, warning of a response, as state media published a list of al-

leged acts of violence.

Security forces "will prevent the terrorist groups from continuing their criminal attacks," said a military official quoted on state media, accusing the rebels of a deliberate escalation to wreck the truce.

Ban voiced concern over the shelling of Homs.

The UN secretary general said he would present on Thursday his proposal to enlarge the UN monitoring mission, which will have 30 unarmed military observers at first, to 250 people.

The first half-dozen observers from an advance team for the mission were due in the Syrian capital yesterday, although their flight plans were unclear.

Tornadoes kill five in US Midwest



CRESTON: A woman and neighbors look over the remnants of her home following a tornado in Creston. (AFP PHOTO)

CHICAGO (AFP) - At least five people were killed in Oklahoma after dozens of tornadoes swept through the Midwestern United States late Saturday and early Sunday, leaving destruction in their wake, local media reported.

CNN television said the five fatalities, which included two children, occurred in the northwest Oklahoma town of Woodward early Sunday morning.

A total of 60 tornadoes

touched down overnight in Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska and Oklahoma, reports said.

They pounded local communities with gale-force winds and hail the size of golf balls.

Homes were damaged and power lines were downed throughout the area while a hospital was wrecked in Creston, Iowa.

Officials evacuated the entire population of roughly 300 people of the town of Thurman, Iowa, after a suspected

tornado struck Saturday, damaging or destroying three out of every four homes, CNN said.

Many Thurman residents took up temporary shelter at a high school in nearby Tabor, the report said.

More extensive casualties were largely avoided, the reports said, due to an early warning issued by US meteorological services, which urged people to take precautions well in advance of the storms.

Titanic dead remembered, 100 years after tragedy



BELFAST: Alex Aarouaon, aged 6 from Chicago, whose great, great, great grandfather died on the Titanic, touches the plaque of 1,512 names of those who died from the Titanic after its unveiling. (AFP PHOTO)

BELFAST (AFP) - At sea and on land yesterday, wreaths were cast, memorials unveiled and people stood in silence to remember the 1,500 people who died in the sinking of the Titanic ocean liner a century ago.

In Belfast, the city that built the Titanic, a memorial garden containing the first-ever monument to contain all the victims' names was unveiled during a commemorative service attended by about 300 members of the public.

Earlier, wreaths were thrown into the Atlantic at the site of the wreck from MS Balmoral, a cruise ship that has traced the doomed liner's route across the ocean, while people also held a minute's silence.

And in Halifax, the Canadian port city from where ships sailed to retrieve bodies from the icy Atlantic waters following the sinking on April 15, 1912, and where 150 of Titanic's victims are buried, church bells pierced the night.

Final ceremonies were also held in Halifax.

The Titanic went down after hitting an iceberg about 800 kilometers (500 miles) southeast of Halifax. The ship had been sailing from Southampton on its maiden voyage toward New York when it sank.

In Northern Ireland on Sunday, a few hundred people attended a commemorative service outside Belfast City Hall, among them politicians and relatives of those who died, including a great-great nephew of the ship's doctor.

The Belfast memorial garden contains a nine-meter-wide (29.5-feet-wide) plinth bearing five bronze plaques engraved with the names of the victims.

It is the first time the names of everyone who died has been recorded on one monument. Many existing memorials failed to include the Titanic crew or its musicians.

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Salads: The Greener, the Better

When you think of salad, you probably associate it with being healthy. This is largely true: many salads are packed with vitamins and minerals. But what you choose as the base of your salad can make or break that. If you choose iceberg lettuce, for example, you are getting almost no nutritional benefit from it. The general rule of thumb is that the darker the color of the leaf, the healthier it is.

Greens that have that dark rich color are packed with vitamins, antioxidants and other ingredients that are great for your body and mind.

Here are some nutritious choices

Spinach

We know you were expecting this one to be on here, and it's true that spinach deserves all the hype it gets for being an excellent green. Not only is spinach packed with vitamin K, vitamin C, and vitamin A, it's also very low in calories, so you can get lots of benefit without threatening your waistline. Research has shown that spinach is a great source of phytonutrients, which can have a protective effect against cancer by slowing down cell division in cancer cells.

Romaine Lettuce

A longtime staple of salads and sandwiches, romaine lettuce is high in fiber, vitamin C, and beta-carotene, which can have beneficial effects on cholesterol levels. Romaine also contains a good amount of folic acid, a B vitamin that lowers heart disease risk. It's rich in manganese, potassium, and vitamin A, and has about one calorie per leaf.

Arugula

A less commonly used green is arugula, which can be a great add-on to any salad. Slightly bitter in flavor, arugula is a great source of calcium, beta-carotene, and lutein, which may help protect against certain cancers and diseases such as macular degeneration. Arugula is technically classified as a cruciferous vegetable, which means it is similar to broccoli in nutrition content. Certain phytochemicals found in arugula have been shown to help the body cleanse itself of toxins.

Red Leaf Lettuce

Much like green leaf lettuce in its taste, red leaf lettuce is unique because of its reddish-purple leaves. A single serving of red leaf lettuce contains above and beyond the daily-recommended intake of vitamin A and vitamin K, and also has a decent amount of magnesium, calcium and iron.

US warns two drugs may have sexual side effects

(AFP)--Two Merck drugs for treating male baldness and enlarged prostate will now carry extended labels to add more possible sexual side effects, US regulators said.

The changes involve Propecia and Proscar, both of which contain the active ingredient finasteride, after results from clinical trials showed additional adverse effects that were not included at the time of approval, the US Food and Drug Administration said.

The new Propecia label will include "libido disorders, ejaculation disorders, and orgasm disorders that continued after discontinuation of the drug," the FDA said. Propecia is a drug to treat male baldness.

Proscar, which treats symptoms of enlarged

prostate, will now have a label that adds "decreased libido that continued after discontinuation of the drug."

In addition, both labels are being revised to "include a description of reports of male infertility and/or poor semen quality that normalized or improved after drug discontinuation," the FDA said.

FDA spokeswoman

Tiny gene change affects brain size, IQ: scientists

PARIS (AFP) - An international team of scientists said Sunday the largest brain study of its kind had found a gene linked to intelligence, a small piece in the puzzle as to why some people are smarter than others.

A variant of this gene "can tilt the scales in favour of a higher intelligence", study leader Paul Thompson told AFP, stressing though that

Stephanie Yao said the drugs were previously known to cause adverse sexual events in a small number of patients, and that information was included on labels at the time of approval.

The latest labeling change "expands the list of sexual adverse events reported to the FDA postmarketing," she told AFP.

genetic blessings were not the only factor in brainpower.

Searching for a genetic explanation for brain disease, the scientists stumbled upon a minute variant in a gene called HMGA2 among people who had larger brains and scored higher on standardised IQ tests.

Thompson dubbed it "an intelligence gene" and said it was likely that many more such genes were yet to be discovered.



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SCI-TECH: Patent wars plague Internet Age

(AFP)-- The Internet Age is becoming as known for patent litigation as it is for online innovation.

From the makers of computer chips to creators of smartphones and designers of videogames, rivalries have spread from marketplaces to courtrooms with combatants warring over rights to use technology.

"For many years, there was basically a stalemate in the patents arms race with an understanding that companies wouldn't sue each other," said Colleen Chien, a law professor at Santa Clara University in Silicon Valley.

"That was disrupted by a new business model of patent assertion," she continued. "It has become acceptable to violate the gentlemen's agreement of not suing and now it is the new norm."

The break in the unofficial truce was inspired in part by "patent trolls," entities that buy or file patents with the sole intent of some day suing entrepreneurs who use the ideas.

Ranks of patent trolls are growing, as is the number of large companies turning to patent litigation not just to cash-in but to gain or protect market terrain, according to Chien.

"What do you call an AOL or a dying company that turns to patent lawsuits?" she asked rhetorically. "Do they become corporate trolls?"

Struggling Internet pioneer Yahoo! last month filed a lawsuit against Facebook accusing the social networking star of infringing on 10 of its patents.

The suit claimed that "Facebook's entire social network model, which allows users to create profiles and connect with, among other things, persons and businesses, is based on Yahoo!'s patented social networking technology."

Facebook returned fire with a countersuit accusing Sunnyvale, California-based Yahoo! of being the one in-

fringing on patents, and not the other way around.

Even business software giant Oracle has weighed in. A trial will get underway on Monday in a patent case Oracle filed against Google based on software used in Android operating systems.

As patent suits proliferate, Internet firms with ample war chests are spending small fortunes to arm themselves with portfolios purchased from technology companies selling off intellectual assets.

AOL this week announced plans to sell more than 800 patents to Microsoft in a \$1.056 billion deal giving the faded Internet star a needed cash injection.

Facebook in March confirmed that it bought 750 software and networking patents from IBM to beef up its arsenal on an increasingly lawsuit-strewn technology battlefield.

Patent suits in hot Internet markets are not necessarily bad news for consumers, provided that companies cashing in use windfalls to develop

even more innovative products, according to Chien.

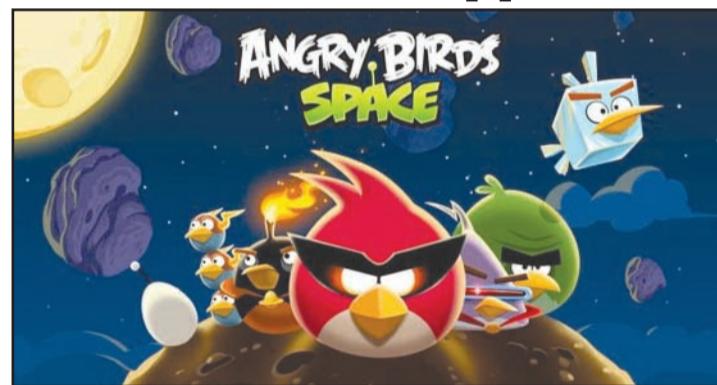
Managing patents could also become a potential source of competitive advan-

tage for startups.

"The Facebook example shows that you can go out and buy patent protection," Chien said. "It is only when

you are making money that you become interesting as a target, and when you are making money you can afford to buy patents."

Android users targeted with fake Angry Birds malware apps



The Angry Birds franchise is beyond massive, and with an animated series, movie tie-ins, and hundreds of millions of downloads, it's one of the prime targets for counterfeit app makers. Since Angry Birds Space launched in late March, the title has sold pre-

dictably well, but developer Rovio is now putting out a warning that there are in fact fake versions of the game creeping about Google Play which treat you to malicious malware instead of the birds' newest adventure.

According to the security

experts at Sophos, there is one particular version of the app which has become widespread enough to cause concern. The program disguises itself as a completely legitimate download of the popular mobile game, but then digs deep within your handset's operating system and installs code that may compromise any information you have stored.

Fake apps have become something of a nuisance for Android owners due to the Google's rather lax app verification system. Rovio suggests beginning your app download straight from the company's official website to ensure your device remains malware free.

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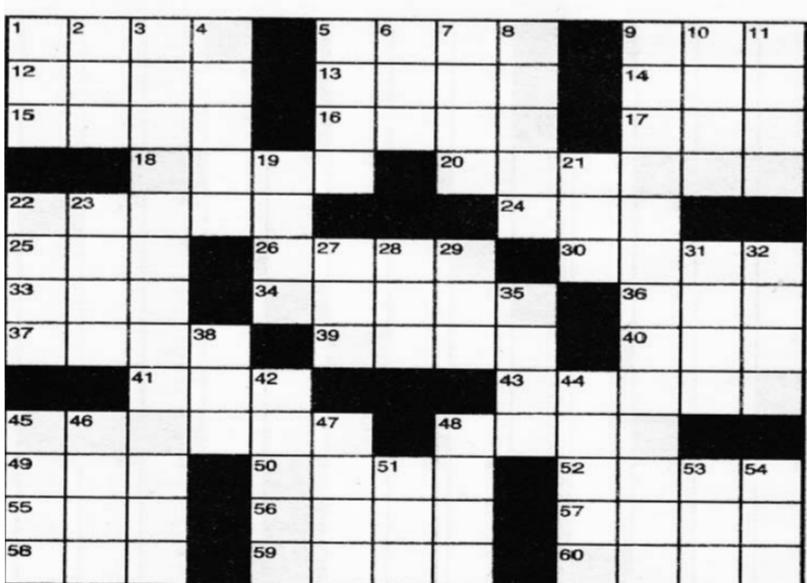
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Swiss banks to hand over staff names in U.S. tax dispute: report

ZURICH - Switzerland will allow banks to hand over the names of any employees and other third parties who helped wealthy Americans evade taxes to U.S. prosecutors, a Swiss newspaper reported on Saturday.

Eleven Swiss banks including Credit Suisse and Julius Baer are under investigation in the United States for aiding U.S. citizens suspected of dodging taxes.

In the latest attempt to end the long-running dispute, Switzerland's Federal Council has now authorized banks to hand over email traffic in connection with such clients to U.S. prosecutors, the Tages-Anzeiger newspaper reported.

This includes the names of employees and where applica-

ble third parties, such as external wealth managers, lawyers and trustees, but not client data, the paper said.

It said Mario Tuor, a spokesman for the Swiss secretariat for international financial affairs, confirmed this in a statement. He could not immediately be reached for comment.

U.S. authorities suspect tens of thousands of Americans have used Swiss banks to squirrel their savings away

from the tax inspectors.

Switzerland is trying to get the investigations dropped, in return for the payment of a hefty fine and the transfer of names of thousands of U.S. bank clients. It is also seeking a deal to shield the remainder of its 300 or so banks from U.S. prosecution.

In an interview published on Friday, Swiss Finance Minister Eveline Widmer-Schlumpf said she expects to clinch a solution with the United States this year.

Geithner: "Buffett rule" will not hurt U.S. economy

WASHINGTON - A proposal to impose at least 30 percent income tax on Americans making more than a million dollars a year will not hurt the economy by stifling investment and growth, U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner said yesterday.

The so-called Buffett rule, a tax plan proposed by President Barack Obama to reduce income inequality, has been vigorously criticized by Republicans who argue it will discourage people from starting new businesses as it will raise capital gains tax and taxes on investment.

"No credible basis for that

argument, in my judgment," Geithner said on CBS's "Face the Nation."

The plan is named after billionaire businessman and Obama supporter Warren Buffett who has noted that he pays a lower tax rate than his secretary.

The bill would keep the tax rates unchanged for those making under \$250,000 a year.

The United States is saddled with a huge budget deficit and there is no consensus on how to address the problem. Geithner said that although the government has committed to cut \$2 trillion in spending, more needs to be done.

Finance

US, IMF welcome China's move on yuan trading band

BEIJING (AFP) - The US and the IMF welcomed China's decision to widen the trading band on the nation's currency, while analysts yesterday downplayed the likelihood of wide swings in the value of the yuan.

The People's Bank of China, China's central bank, announced Saturday that it will allow the yuan to fluctuate by up to 1.0 percent on either side of its trading band when markets open today.

The yuan is currently allowed to trade 0.5 percent on either side of a midpoint price set by the central bank every trading day.

The new rules came as pressures for the yuan to appreciate have eased substantially after recent data showed the country's trade has become more balanced, analysts said.

The decision also followed data released Friday showing the world's second-largest economy grew at its slowest pace in three years during the first quarter, a development that calls for further policy easing.

IMF chief Christine Lagarde described the move on the yuan as an "important step".

"This underlines China's commitment to rebalance its economy toward domestic consumption and allow market forces to play a greater role in determining the level of the exchange rate," Lagarde said in a statement.

Beijing's trading partners have long criticised its yuan exchange rate, saying it is kept artificially low, fuelling a flow of cheap exports that have helped trigger huge trade

deficits between some countries and China.

The White House Saturday reacted cautiously to the announcement, saying it would like to see "more movement."

"They've made some progress, we'd like to see more movement. We noted this announcement. We're reviewing it closely," a top administration advisor, Ben Rhodes, told reporters on the sidelines of a regional summit in Colombia.

"It comes in the continuum of us wanting to see the Chinese take more of these steps to see their currency appreciate to come in line with the market value," added Rhodes, the deputy national security advisor.

Chinese Prime Minister Wen Jiabao acknowledged last month that the yuan had increased in value by some 30 percent since 2005 in comparison to the dollar.

The move to loosen the currency's trading band could engender two-way volatility in the exchange rate, Bank of America-Merrill Lynch economist Lu Ting told Dow Jones Newswires.

"China will avoid significant appreciation or depreciation this year due to uncertain global environment and the need for stability during the year of leadership change," Lu said of political transitions in China and the US.

Lu said his bank expects the dollar-yuan exchange rate to be at 6.2000 at the end of this year.

China's economy grew at a lower-than-expected 8.1 percent in the first quarter, compared with 8.9 percent in the fourth quarter of 2011.

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What ever happened to 'post-racial' America?

WASHINGTON (AFP) - It was hailed as the dawn of a "post-racial America," ushered in by the election of the first black president in a country still scarred by the legacy of slavery, Jim Crow and the battle for civil rights.

But recent incidents -- including the shooting of an unarmed black teen by a white Hispanic neighborhood watch volunteer -- have revived concerns about America's racial divide.

Just a few short years after President Barack Obama's historic 2008 election, when many Americans believed the country had finally taken the upper hand over race, some are asking where the dream of a post-racial America went.



"I'm not so sure it ever existed," said law professor Athena Mutua of SUNY Buffalo Law School, whose work focuses on issues of race and the African American community.

Mutua said many Americans embraced the historical significance of Obama's White House win, creating the illusion of a colorblind society where racial issues were no longer a major concern.

"The whole country says, 'Wow, this is a euphoric moment. We've transcended our baggage,' and post-racialism was born with Obama's elec-

contentious national talking point in America, again seized the national spotlight.

The 17-year-old was shot dead in February by George Zimmerman, who told police he found the youth suspicious while patrolling a gated community in Sanford, Florida.

Civil rights advocates and black Americans who decried the slaying as a possible hate crime said it was an indictment of a racially insensitive criminal justice system that appeared ready to let an alleged white perpetrator walk free because the victim was black.

hot seller on the Internet by urging voters "Don't Re-Nig in 2012."

Critics have accused some conservatives of using coded and racially-charged language, pointing, for example to Newt Gingrich's description on the campaign trail of Obama as America's best "food stamp president."

"People call that 'dog whistling.' You know that that's a racist remark, and he's not fooling anybody with that," Mutua said.

Republicans, however, bristle when accused of a racial animus in their dislike

of who he is, or the work he is doing.

Johns Hopkins University assistant professor Lester Spence saw real signs of progress in Americans' "acceptance of difference," including in pop culture -- even if he wouldn't term the changes "post-racial."

He cited the broad-based societal acceptance of African Americans as some of the country's most adored figures in music, media and popular culture, saying it had a role in bringing about broader shifts in attitudes.

"Racial attitudes are really complex," said Spence. "People love (hip hop artist) Jay-Z, they love Lil Wayne -- people consume blackness every day somehow on TV," he said.

There are also great strides in the political sphere.

"At the national level, black people are being treated as citizens in a very different way than they were even just 10 years ago before the election of Obama," Spence said.

But at the local level, where incidents like the Martin shooting are investigated and prosecuted, "it still hasn't trickled down that far yet," he added.



An anti-Obama bumper sticker using a racial slur

tion," she told AFP.

"Of course, it wasn't real."

Mutua said reports at the time exaggerated the level of white backing for candidate Obama, giving the impression that the country had advanced further than it had.

"I think people painted that picture of wide support for Obama, but I think they overplay that. Obama did not get a majority of the whites in this country to vote for him. It was a high number, but certainly not a majority," she said.

And his election "stirred up all the unresolved issues in the country" among those reticent to racial change.

"His being there immediately galvanizes the opposite forces -- stuff that's really tinged with racism," Mutua added.

The Trayvon Martin shooting is the latest flash-point where race, which periodically flares up as a

Zimmerman has been charged with second-degree murder in the youth's death, but only after weeks of national protests during which he was in hiding and the appointment of a special prosecutor to handle the case.

But beyond the teen's shooting, many Americans have been stunned to see the coarseness of the racially tinged debate leading into November's reelection battle in which Democrat Obama will square off against presumptive Republican nominee Mitt Romney.

In one incident, a judge earlier this year was forced to apologize after sending his colleagues a racially derogatory joke about Obama on his office email.

Many Americans also were taken aback by an anti-Obama bumper sticker that used a racial slur, becoming a

of Obama, saying that their qualms with the president have to do with his politics, not his skin color.

For his part, Obama has declined to enter the fray, denying that his race plays a role in the public's perception



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Yalla Yalla literally means "fast," as these are the sort of dishes those from the region will enjoy when they want to grab a quick meal. The menu is more than reasonably priced, with a generous portion of tender Beef Shish Kabab or Shrimp Kabab, for those with a taste for seafood, costing only \$14.50.

A hefty serving of Lamb Shoarma is only \$12; Chicken Shoarma \$8, and the portions are big enough to share. Classic Middle Eastern side dishes such as Tabouleh and Hummus are served with freshly made pita bread; great for starters or a late night snack.

Yalla Yalla sports a lovely open air terrace, perfect for people watching, and is attached to the South Beach Lounge, where their singular



Beef Shish Kabab

snacks are also served.

In the mood for something a little more gourmet and interesting for dinner that won't ruin your budget? -Yalla Yalla has what you are looking for: a true dining adventure in charming surroundings and delicious food that is more than a little different from the staid old menu. Dinner is served from 6:00 PM until 1:00 AM nightly.

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Lamb Shoarma

Chelsea thrash Spurs to reach FA Cup final



Chelsea's Spanish midfielder Juan Mata (L) celebrates after scoring a goal against Tottenham Hotspur

LONDON (AFP) - Chelsea thrashed Tottenham Hotspur 5-1 to set up an FA Cup final showdown with old rivals Liverpool after a Wembley semi-final tinged by controversy here on Sunday.

Goals from Didier Drogba, Juan Mata, Ramires, Frank Lampard and Florent Malouda saw Chelsea romp into their fourth FA Cup final in six years, with Tottenham's lone strike coming from Gareth Bale.

The win was the perfect preparation for Chelsea ahead of their Champions League semi-final first-leg

meeting with Barcelona at Stamford Bridge on Wednesday.

But the occasion was marred by controversy before and during the match, with sections of Chelsea's support chanting and jeering during a minute's silence prior to kick-off to mark the anniversary of the 1989 Hillsborough disaster.

Chelsea were also the beneficiaries of a deeply controversial decision by referee Martin Atkinson for their second goal, scored by Mata, which replays suggested should not have stood.

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Blake sets 2012 world best to win his 100 debut



(FILES) Yohan Blake

KINGSTON (AFP) - Reigning world 100-meter champion Yohan Blake set the fastest time in the world this year in his 2012 debut at the distance, winning in 9.90 seconds in cold and rainy conditions. Blake cruised to win in what he dubbed a "surprise" time at the UTech Classic athletics meet this past weekend in Kingston and said he was ahead of last year's schedule. The sprinter, who surpassed Darvis Patton's previous world best this year of 10.04, also joined world 100m record-holder Usain Bolt on the Racers club relay that captured the 4x100 relay in 37.82 seconds, also a 2012 world best. Blake, his long hair braids bobbing in the rain, made up for a less than perfect start with an extended drive phase to outclass a 100 field that included World University Games champion Jacques Harvey, who was a distant second in 10.10 seconds. Last year in South Korea, Blake became the youngest world 100m champion by winning the final after Bolt was disqualified due to a false start.

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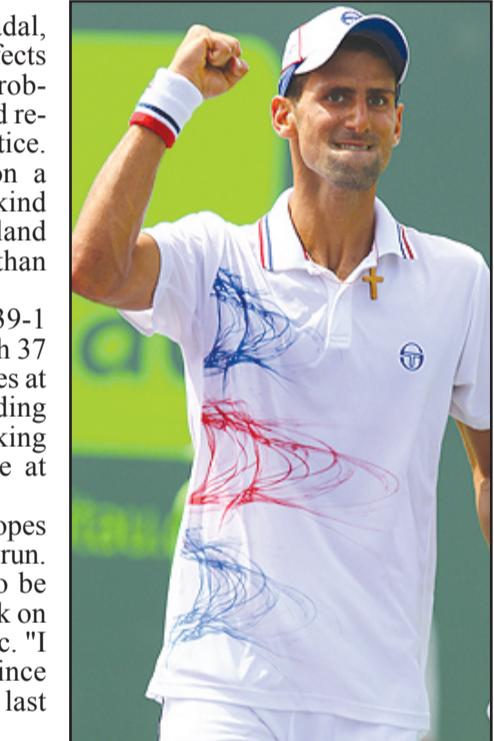
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Djokovic confident of ending Nadal's miracle run

MONTE CARLO (AFP) - World number one Novak Djokovic believes he can shatter Rafael Nadal's bid for an unprecedented eighth Monte Carlo Masters title and use it as a launchpad for an assault on the French Open.

While Djokovic has already wrapped up the Australian Open and Miami titles

so far in 2012, Nadal, dealing with the effects of another knee problem, has had limited recent claycourt practice.

He has not won a trophy of any kind since his sixth Roland Garros title more than 10 months ago.

The Spaniard, 39-1 in Monte Carlo with 37 consecutive victories at the venue, is bidding for a history-making eighth straight title at the club.

But Djokovic hopes to stop that miracle run.

"It feels good to be back, and to be back on clay," said Djokovic. "I haven't played it since Roland Garros last year."

"But it's the surface that I grew up on. In Serbia, that's all we had until a few years ago. And I like to slide as well. I had a great season in 2011 and I hope to continue in 2012."

Djokovic has no complaints about this intense period, with three Masters 1000 events in five weeks leading into the French Open -- the only Grand Slam title missing from his collection.

"We know how to play them back-to-back (Madrid and Rome next month). It's a familiar situation," he said.

"I know how to recover and be ready. I've been working hard and I'm prepared on clay. This is a surface that requires more physically, you need to be at a high level."

"Last year, I won Madrid and Rome and beat Nadal in the finals. That has to give me confidence for the clay sea-

son."

Djokovic added that he is thankful for the extra week that has been somehow built into this busy London Olympic year schedule, which gave him time to prepare properly for the Monte Carlo Masters.

"I'm glad we had the time between Miami (where he won the title, beating Andy Murray in the final) and Monte Carlo this season," said the world number one, who a year ago had to skip Monte Carlo simply to rest.

"It allowed me to get in some rest and 10 days of preparation. I live here so I train a lot at the club, I know the conditions."

"I'm confident that I'll be fit and ready. I'm looking forward to playing. Every season is different -- that's how I'm approaching this clay sea-



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Wade, James power Heat over Knicks



NEW YORK (AFP) - LeBron James scored 29 points and grabbed 10 rebounds while Dwyane Wade added 28 points to power the Miami Heat over the New York Knicks 93-85 on Sunday in a possible first-round NBA playoff preview.

Chris Bosh added 16 points and a game-high 14 rebounds while James and Wade each contributed six assists and Wade grabbed nine rebounds as Miami improved to 42-17, second-best in the Eastern Conference and fourth overall in the NBA.

"We don't want to be playing our best right now. We want to continue to get better," Wade said. "We took a big step toward doing that tonight."

Carmelo Anthony scored 42 points and pulled down nine rebounds for the Knicks, who saw their nine-game home win streak come to an end.

At 31-29, the Knicks are eighth in the East, a half-game behind Philadelphia and two games in front of Milwaukee for the final East playoff berth.

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IOC to keep pressure on 'no women' Saudis

MOSCOW (AFP) - International Olympic Committee (IOC) president Jacques Rogge said on Sunday he will keep up the pressure on Saudi Arabia, who have once again refused to send a women's team to the Olympic Games.

"We are always talking to Saudi Arabia (about sending a women's team to the London Games) and we expect a very rapid conclusion," said Rogge.

Ten days ago, the head of the Saudi Olympic Committee ruled out sending women athletes from the ultra-conservative kingdom to the London Olympics.

Prince Nawaf bin Faisal said, however, that Saudi women taking part independently are free to do so and the kingdom's Olympic authority would "only help in ensuring that their participation does not violate the Islamic sharia law".

Equestrian jumping contestant Dalma Malhas, 18, is likely to be Saudi Arabia's only female athlete at this summer's Olympics.

Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Brunei are the only three countries never to have sent women athletes to the Olympics.

But Qatar, which is hoping to stage the 2020 Games, has said it will send three to London -- shooter Bahia Al-Hamad, swimmer Nada Mohammed Wafa Arakji and Noor Al-Malki, a 100m and 200m sprinter.

Rooney at the double as United down Villa

LONDON (AFP) - Two goals from Wayne Rooney, including a controversial penalty won by Ashley Young, helped Manchester United reclaim a five-point lead in the Premier League following a 4-0 win over Aston Villa.

Danny Welbeck and Nani were also on the mark as Sir Alex Ferguson's team closed in on a 20th English league title.

Should United and second-placed neighbours City achieve the same results in their next fixtures, on Sunday, then Ferguson would see his club make mathematically certain of that title with victory in the Manchester derby at the Etihad Stadium on April 30.



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Swimming great Murray Rose dies

Australian swimming great and four-time Olympic gold medallist Murray Rose died in Sydney on Sunday aged 73 after a battle with leukaemia, Swimming Australia said.

English-born Rose moved to Australia as an infant following the Second World War and started swimming in Sydney at the age of five.

He became an Olympic champion in 1956 as a 17-year-old, winning the first of his three gold medals at the Melbourne Games in the 4 x 200m freestyle relay.

He followed that gold medal with victories in the 400m and 1500m freestyle, becoming the first swimmer in 36 years to win both individual events.

After the Games, Rose moved to Los Angeles and attended the University of Southern California.

He returned to Australia to train for the 1960 Rome Olympics, where he won the 400m freestyle and finished second to fellow Australian John Konrads in the 1500m.

Rose was one of eight who carried the Olympic flag at the Sydney 2000 Olympics opening ceremony.



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Clemens perjury retrial set to begin



WASHINGTON (AFP) - A perjury retrial for retired Major League Baseball star Roger Clemens opens on Monday as the legendary pitcher again faces charges he lied when denying he took performance-enhancing drugs.

Last July, only two witnesses had been called when US District Judge Reggie Walton declared a mistrial after prosecutors presented evidence that had already been ruled inadmissible.

Nine months later, and with a new baseball season underway, the sport is once again dragged back into its shameful doping era, before testing and regulations were imposed against using steroids and human growth hormones (HGH).

Jury selection will be the major part of Monday's activity as prosecutors try to prove Clemens was lying when he told a 2008 Congressional hearing that he never took HGH and steroids.

The testimony conflicted with that of former Clemens trainer Brian McNamee, who said he injected Clemens with performance-enhancing

substances. Some of the needles he claimed to have used are expected to be used as evidence.

Clemens won 354 games in a 24-year career that saw him win seven Cy Young Awards as the top pitcher in his league. Nicknamed "Rocket", he is one of only four pitchers to have recorded more than 4,000 strikeouts in his career.

Clemens won the World Series twice with the New York Yankees in 1999 and 2000. He also played for Boston Red Sox, Toronto Blue Jays and Houston Astros.

If convicted, Clemens could face 30 years in prison and a fine of \$1.5 million, although sentencing guidelines

would suggest he receive somewhere between 15 and 21 months behind bars.

Clemens would be expected to be voted into the Baseball Hall of Fame next year when he becomes eligible, but as one of the players named in the 2007 Mitchell Report following an investigation into baseball doping, Clemens faces a tough fight given the scant support for others linked to banned substances.

Clemens is the third US sport star to face a major US government probe into his actions with links to doping.

US home run king Barry Bonds was investigated for seven years for links to the BALCO steroid scandal but convicted only on obstruction of justice. He served a 30-day sentence of home confinement and has appealed the conviction.

Seven-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong was investigated for two years regarding possible drug use and ties to businesses that sponsored him and his team, but the Justice Department closed the probe in February without bringing charges.

Donald surrenders World No. 1 spot to McIlroy

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, South Carolina (AFP) - England's Luke Donald will surrender golf's World No. 1 ranking to Northern Ireland's Rory McIlroy on Monday after a poor showing at the US PGA Heritage tournament.

Donald fired a level-par 71 on Sunday to finish on two-over par 286 for 72 holes. He needed to share eighth place or better this week to keep his razor-thin margin ahead of McIlroy in the rankings.

Once eight players reached the clubhouse ahead of him, Donald was ensured

of giving the top spot back to McIlroy, whom he passed last month for the honor.

Donald, still seeking his first major title, first claimed the top ranking after winning last year's BMW PGA Championship on the European Tour.

Reigning US Open champion McIlroy, who turns 23 on May 4, claimed the top spot for the first time in his young career last month when he won the US PGA Honda Classic.

But Donald moved past McIlroy two weeks later, reclaiming the top spot by winning the US PGA Transitions Championship.

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